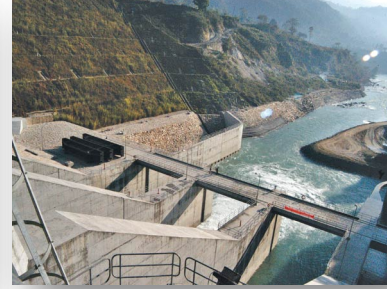


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**Energy Engineering Education and R&D at
Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University**



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Nepal

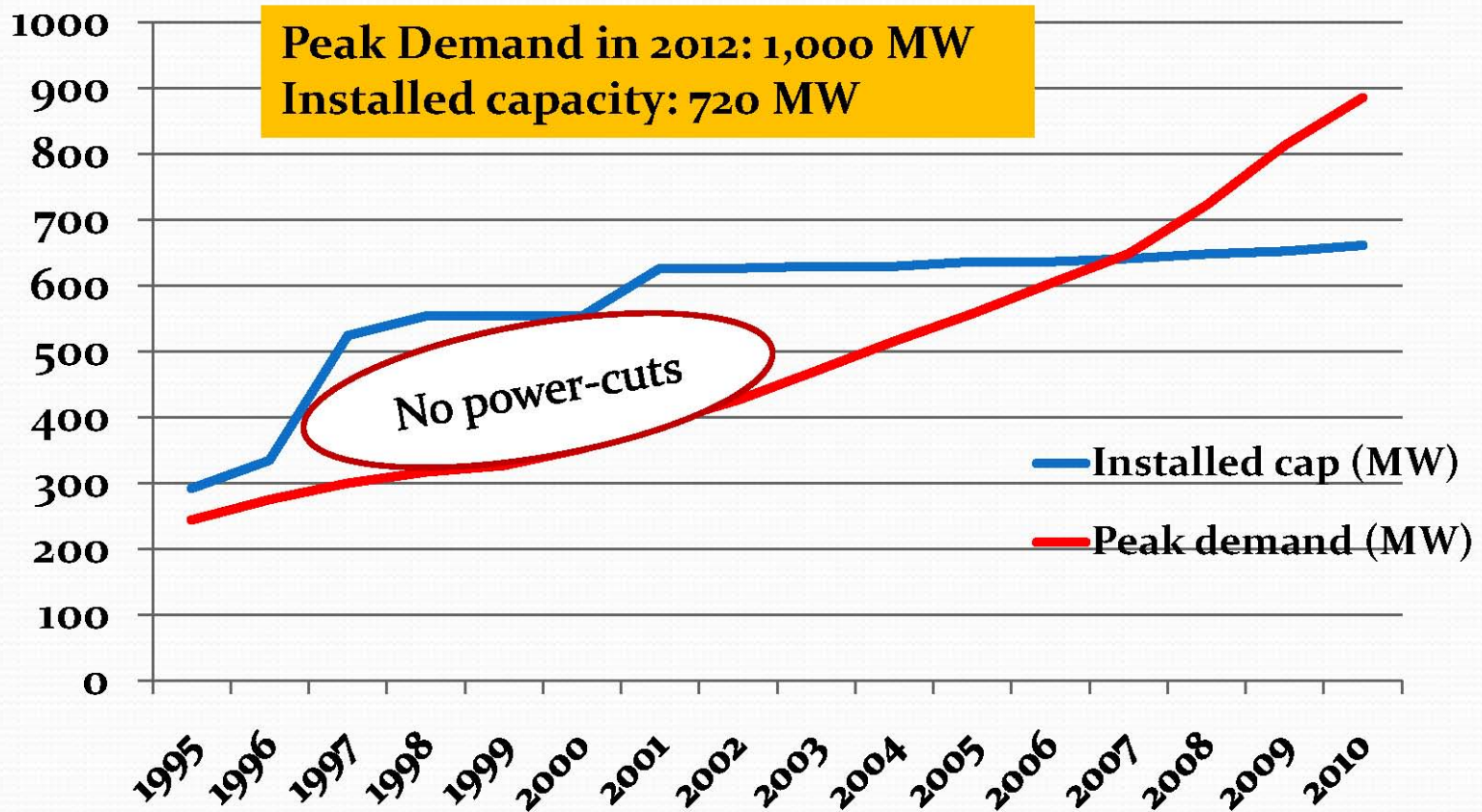
Background

Energy/Hydropower Potential

- About 6,000 rivers, with a total length of about 45,000 km with an annual discharge of 200 billion cubic meters of water are available in the country
- The potential of hydro-power in Nepal is said to be about **83,000 MW**.
- So far only about 750 MW have been connected to peak load system, which constitute about 2% of total energy supply

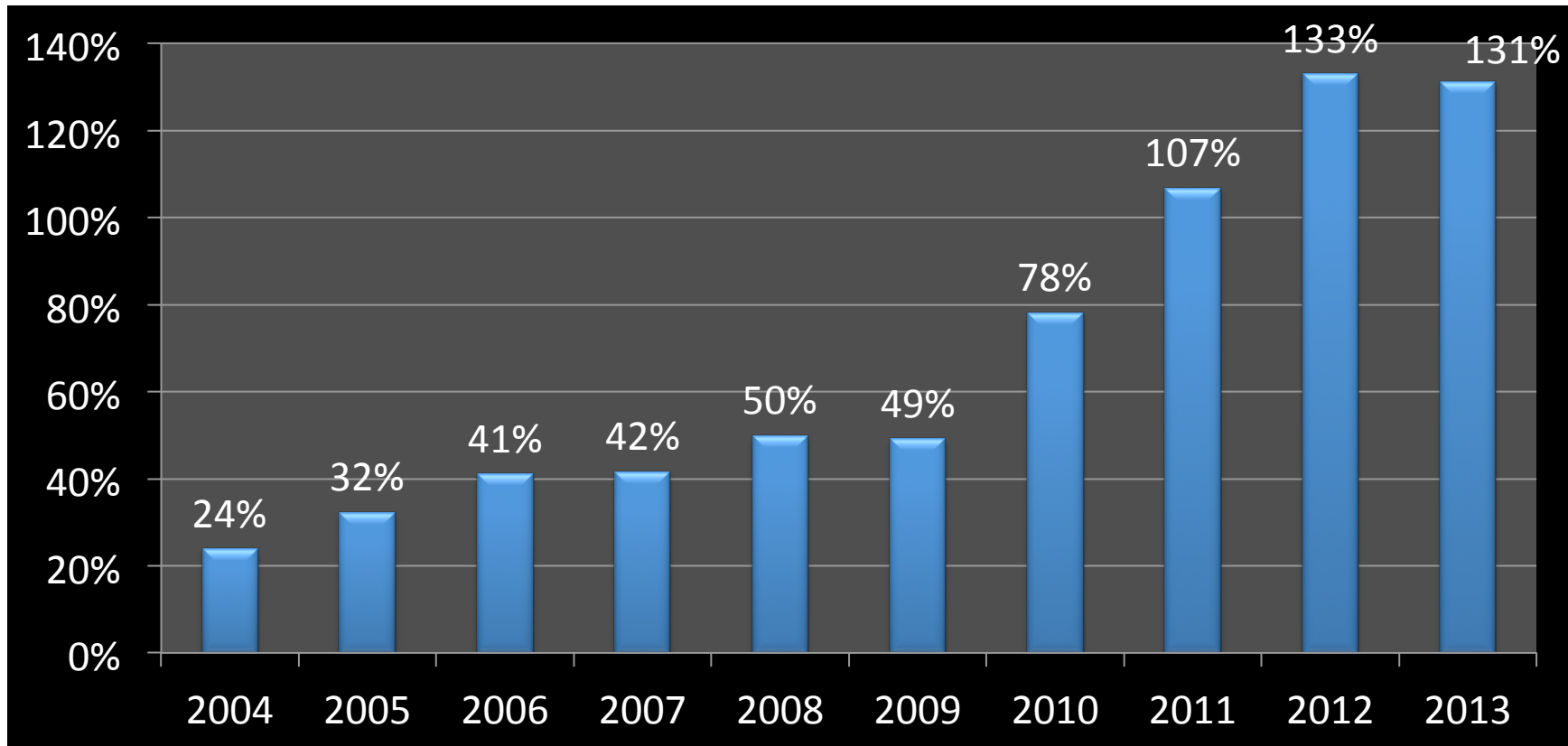
Power Capacity versus peak load

Power capacity development: historical trend



Fossil Fuel

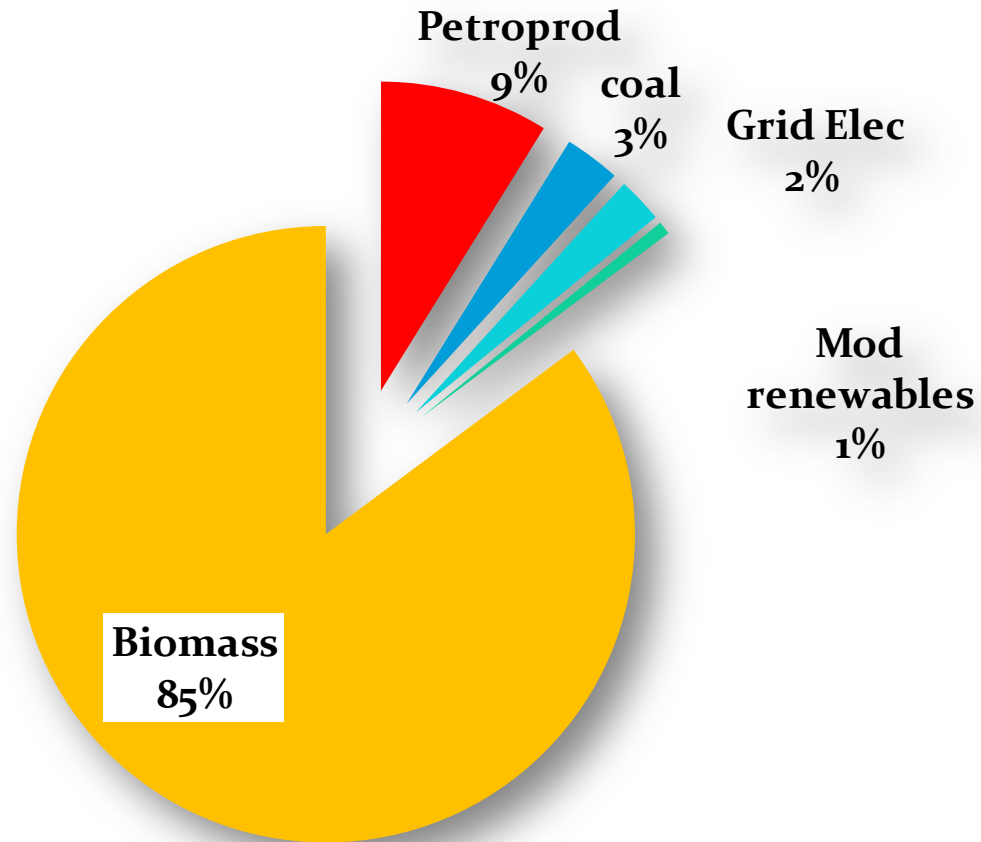
Import of Petroleum Products against Commodity Exports



- **Economic Vulnerability increasing**

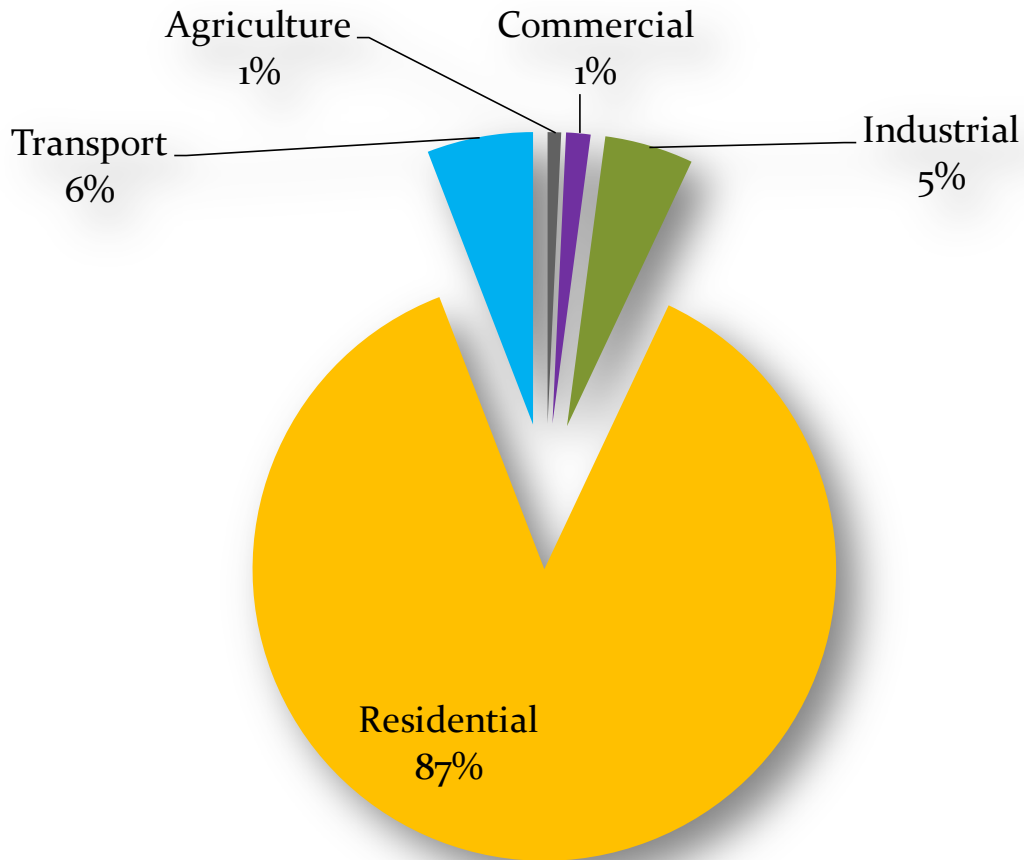
(Source: MOF, 2013; NOC, 2014)

Overview of Energy Sector



Mix by Fuel type in 2010 (MOF, 2012; WECS, 2010)

Energy consumption by Economic Sectors



(MOF, 2012; WECS, 2010)

Engineering Education at TU

- Tribhuvan University (TU) was organized in 1954 & incorporated in 1959
- TU expanded to the span of the country
- TU delivers services through 5 Institutes, 4 faculties, research centers, etc.
- TU has 60 constituent campuses and 1100 affiliated colleges
- TU caters about 91% of the students (500,000 nos.) in higher education in the country.
- TU has about 8000 faculties and 7000 staffs
- **Institute of Engineering (IOE)** is catering about 15000 students

Program and Courses at IOE

IOE offers Ph.D. research, Master degree (graduate course), Bachelor degree (undergraduate course) in different engineering disciplines through campuses and colleges

Ph.D. Research

Ph.D. Research is undergoing in all departments (civil , mechanical, electronics & computer, electrical, architecture & urban planning, science & humanities)

Energy Related Masters Programs

- Masters of Science in Water Resources Engineering
- Masters of Science in Renewable Energy Engineering
- Masters of Science in Energy Systems Planning and Management
- Masters of Science in Climate Change
- Masters of Science in Power Systems Engineering
- Masters of Science in Disasters Risks Management

RESEARCH CENTRES



Centre for Energy Studies (Zero Energy House)

Established 1999

- Facilitates Masters and Ph.D. Courses
- Conduct Technical Research
- Conduct Policy Research
- Organize Training Programs
- Organize International Conferences
- Provide consultancy to local and international



Centre for Applied Research and Development (CARD)

Established 1996

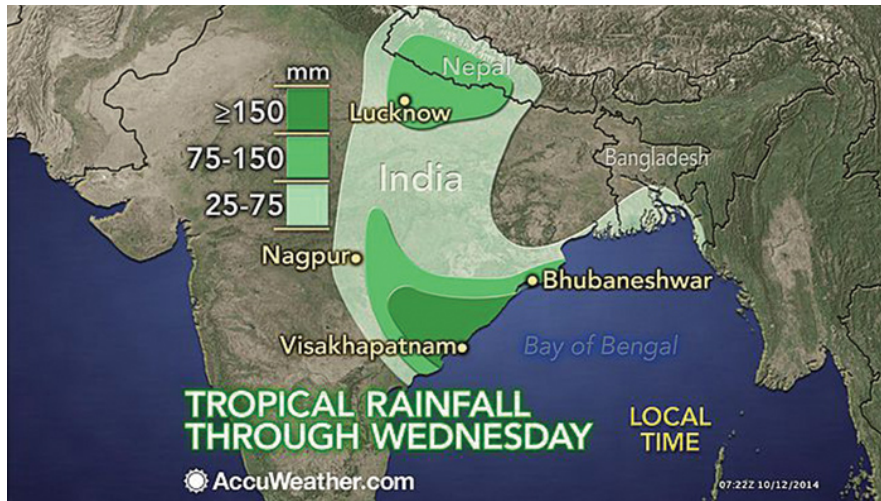
- Establish International Cooperation for joint research**
- Facilitate Advanced Academic Course**
- Conduct International Conferences**



Centre for Disaster Studies (CDS)

Established 2002

- Facilitates Masters and Ph.D. Courses
- Conduct Technical Research
- Conduct Policy Research
- Organize Training Programs
- Organize International Conferences
- Provide consultancies local and international



DISASTROUS AUTUMN: The storm came in October, when locals and trekkers least expected it.

Indian and Nepal meteorological offices had been warning about heavy precipitation from the remnants of [Cyclone Hudhud](#) as it veered north towards Nepal ever since it made landfall on 12 October. International tv channels warned of heavy rain in western and central Nepal. Two days before the storm arrived, Nepali media had warned farmers to protect their harvests.



Newly Established Research Centres

- Centre for Urban Studies (CUS)
- Centre for Infrastructure Development Studies (CIDS)

RECENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Atmospheric Science group at Department of Engineering Science and Humanities, Pulchowk Campus



Research on Solar Energy

- ❑ A high quality network of four solar radiation measurements (total solar radiation and UV measurements) in the Himalaya region has been established. Investigating potential use of solar energy (working to develop solar radiation maps)
- ❑ Established air pollution measurement laboratory at an urban station in Kathmandu.
- ❑ Study effects of altitude, aerosols (pollution), ozone and albedo on UV radiation.
- ❑ Validation of satellite UV radiation data at high altitudes with ground based data from the ground based network.
- ❑ Validation of UV index forecast models in high mountain area.

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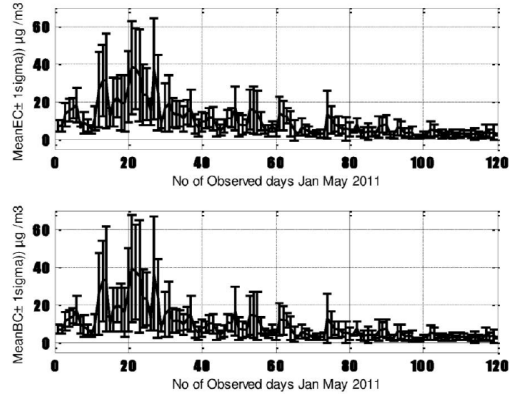


Figure 5: Daily average EC and BC concentration from January to May 2011 at Biratnagar

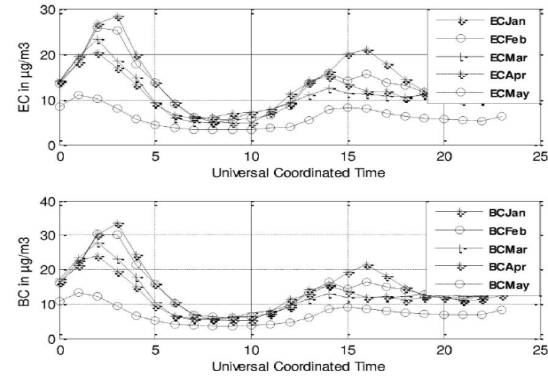


Figure 8: Diurnal Variations of EC and BC in Kathmandu from January to May

Air Pollution measurements data

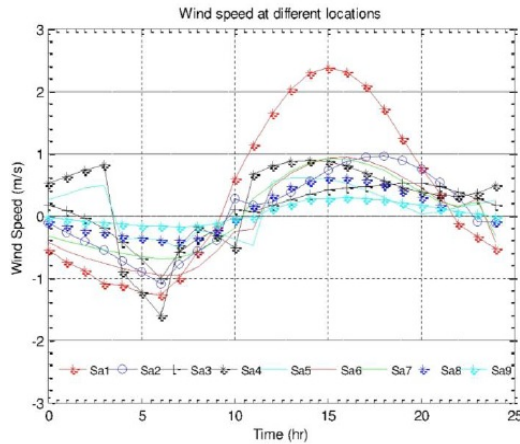


Fig. 4: Diurnal variation of wind speed above 10m from the surface at the different sampling sites where negative wind represents land breeze and positive wind speed represents sea breeze.

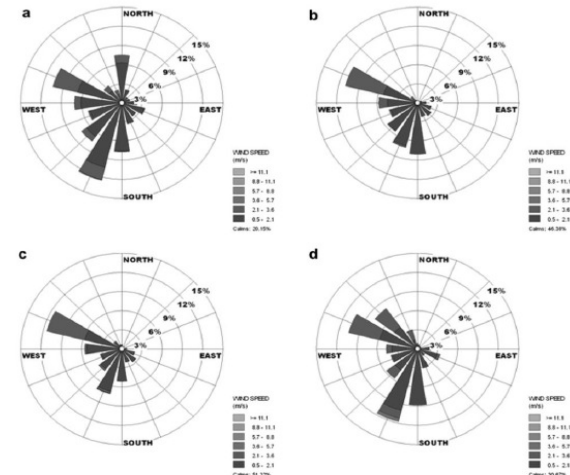


Fig. 5. Wind rose for Monsoon, Post-monsoon, winter and Pre-monsoon (a, b, c & d) to represent wind speed and direction.

Wind measurements data

Atmospheric Science group at Department of Engineering Science and Humanities, Pulchowk Campus

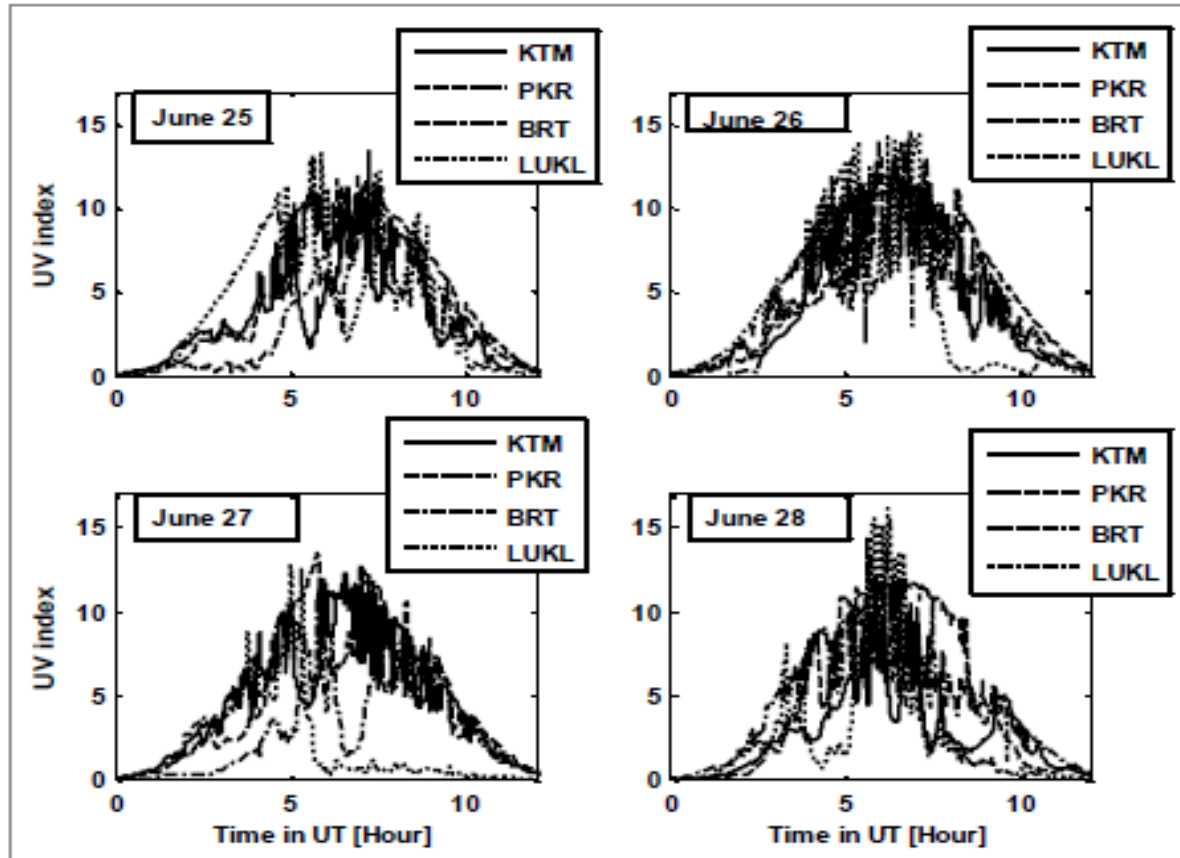
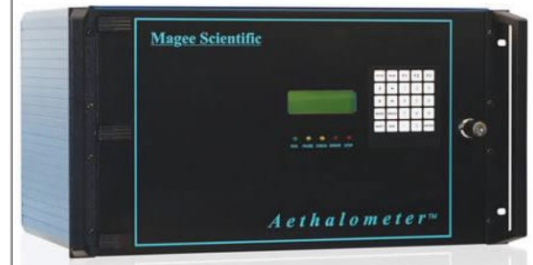


Figure 5.6: Daily averaged UV Index plots for 2010 in Kathmandu, Pokhara, Biratnagar and Lukla



UV radiation measurements data

Researches at Centre for Energy Studies

Building Integrated 6.5 kW PV system at CES



Solar PV Grid Integration Research: 1 kW Grid Integrated PV Power at CES



P1 Location:
Pulchowk Campus, TU, CES/IOE
with load shedding, **without** backup system



Researches at Centre for Energy Studies

Research on Grid Integrated Net Metering for Nepal

P2 Location: Min Bhawan NEA Office

without load shedding, **without** backup system

3 PV systems with same type of module and 3 different inverters



Researches at Centre for Energy Studies

Provided Technical Support during installation of
TU Central Library 22 kWp PV Power Supply System 22 Nov 2012
(275*80PV M;2V 800 Ah*120)



Solar and Wind Energy Resource Assessment (SWERA)

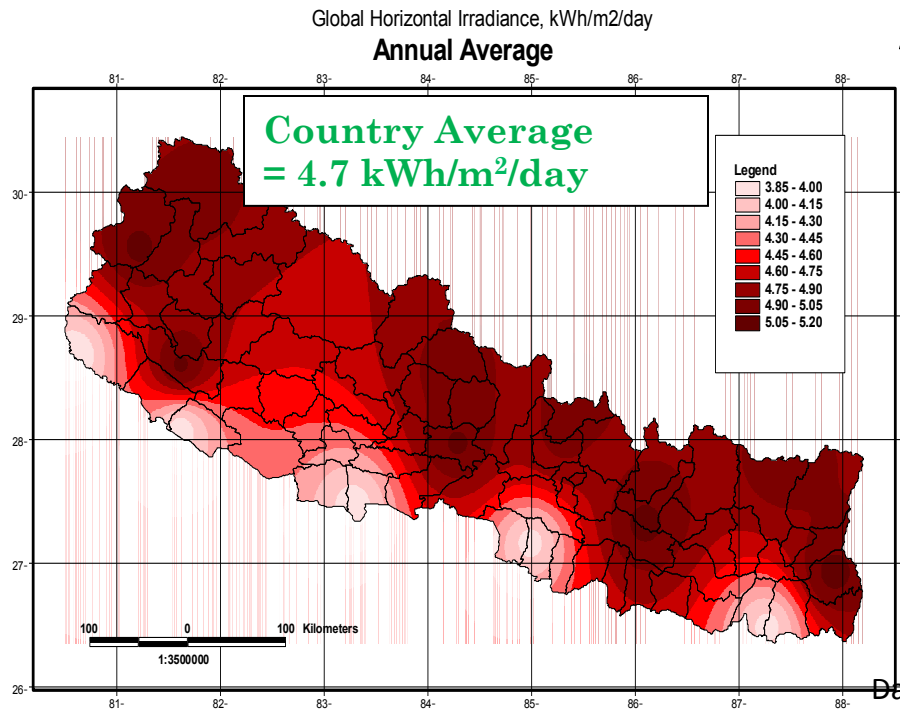
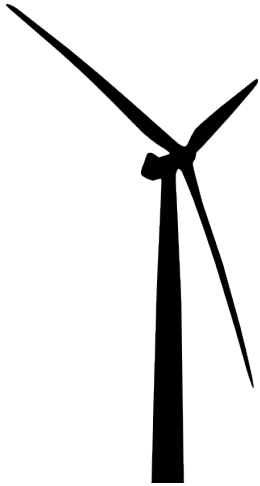
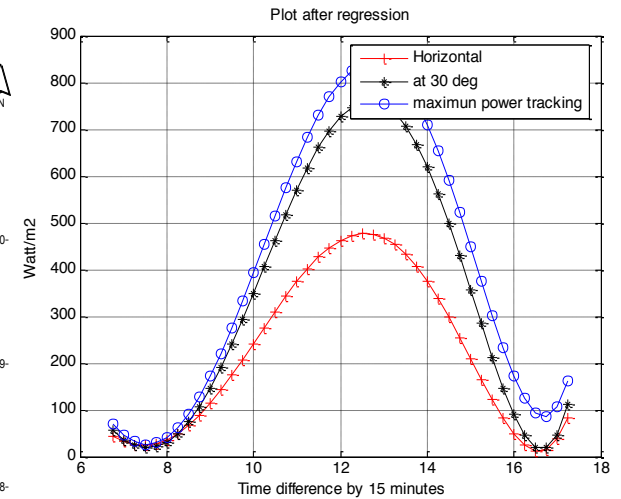


Figure 1

SWERA Project
Center for Energy Studies
Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University



Date: 2068/08/03, cloudy day
Location: CES Building (Latitude: 27°41'0"N(27.683°N) Longitude: 85°19'14"E(85.321°E)
Sun Rise: 6:45am, Sun Set: 5:07pm

Around 300 days Sunshine

Solar Energy is one of the best alternatives for Nepal.

Global Horizontal Irradiance, kWh/m²/day Annual Average

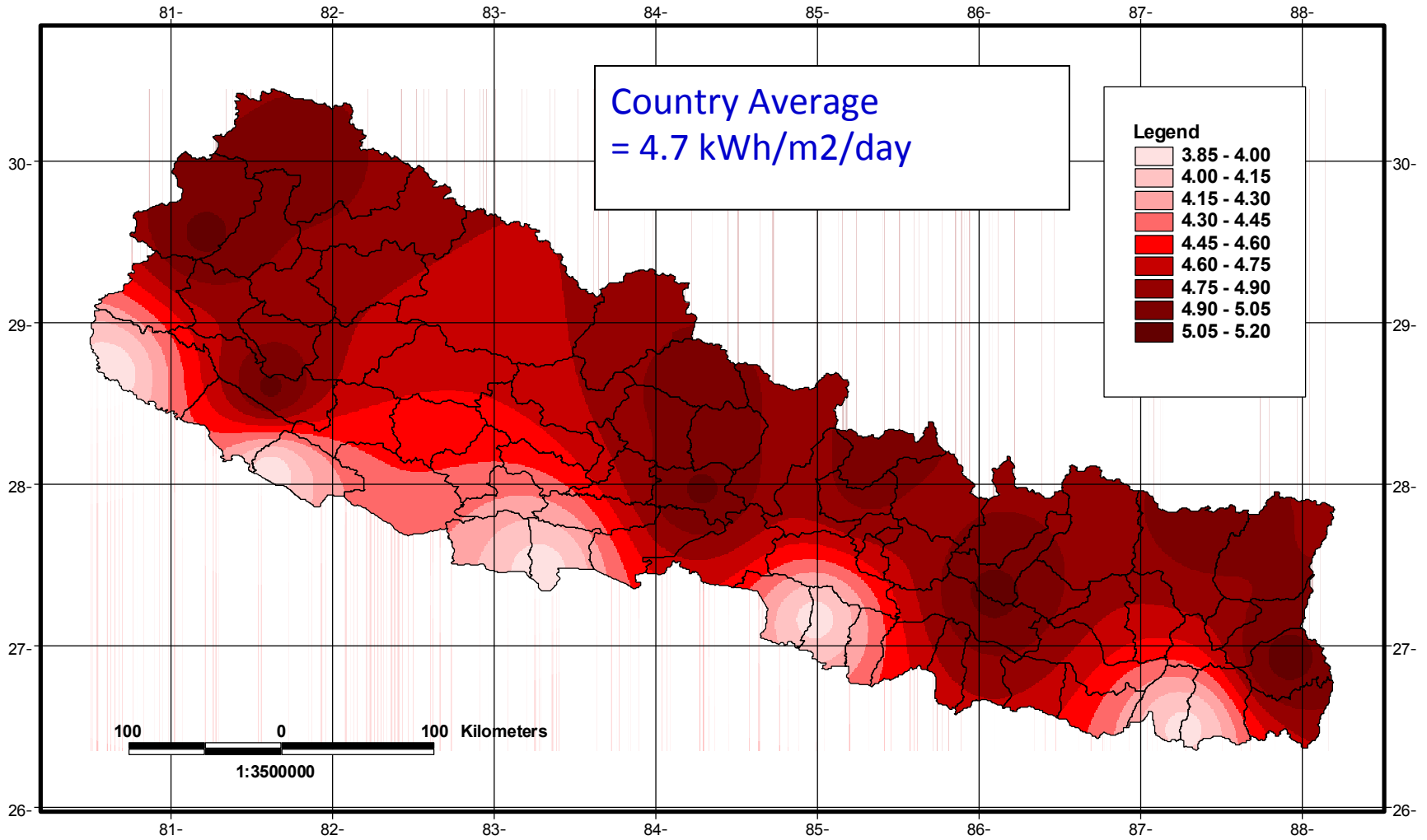
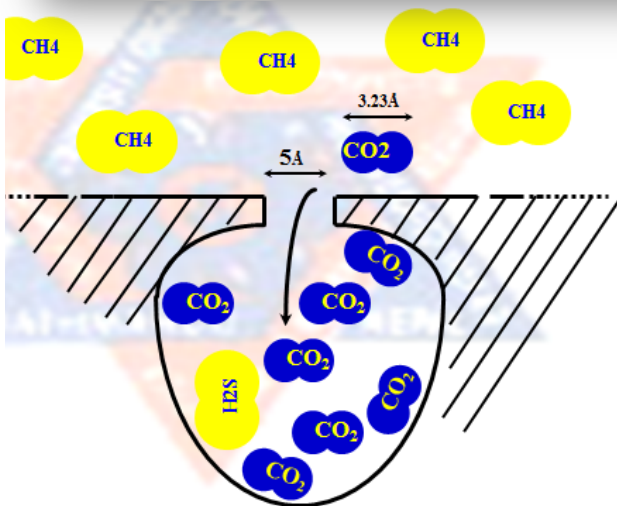
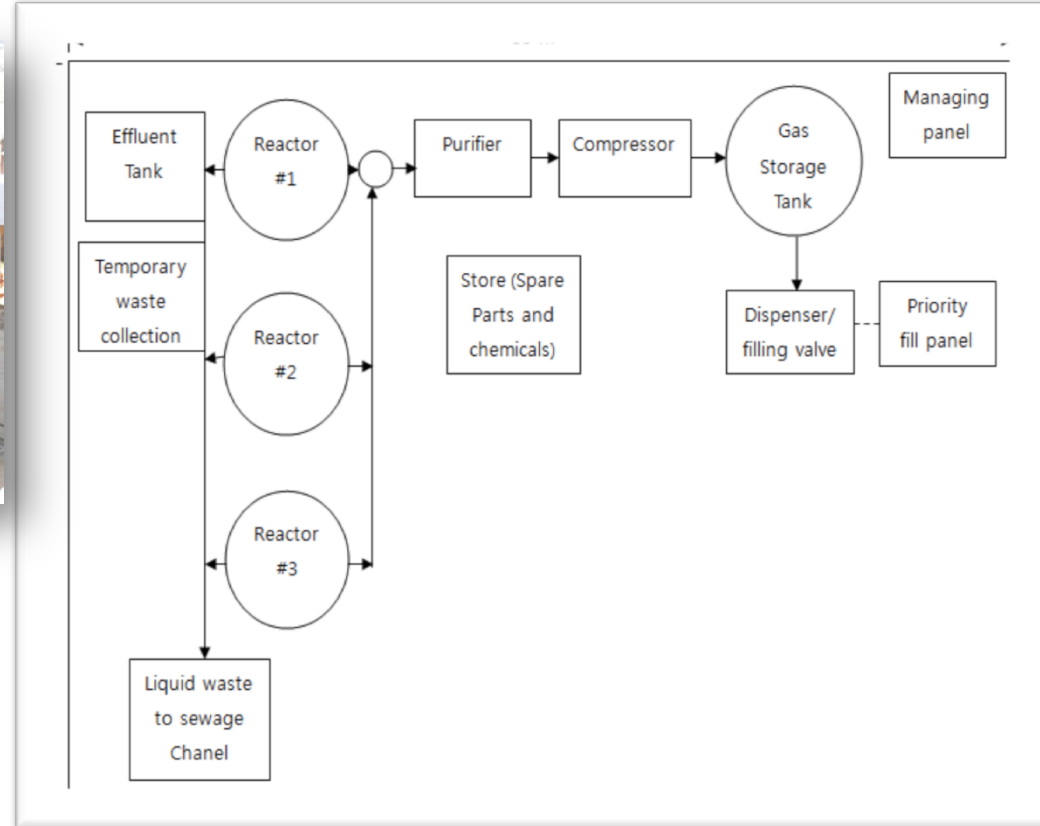


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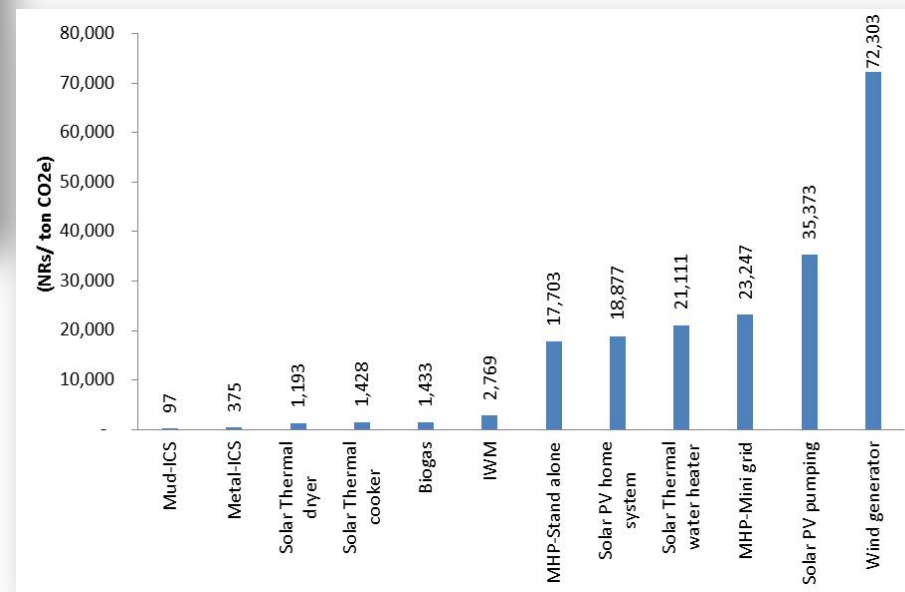
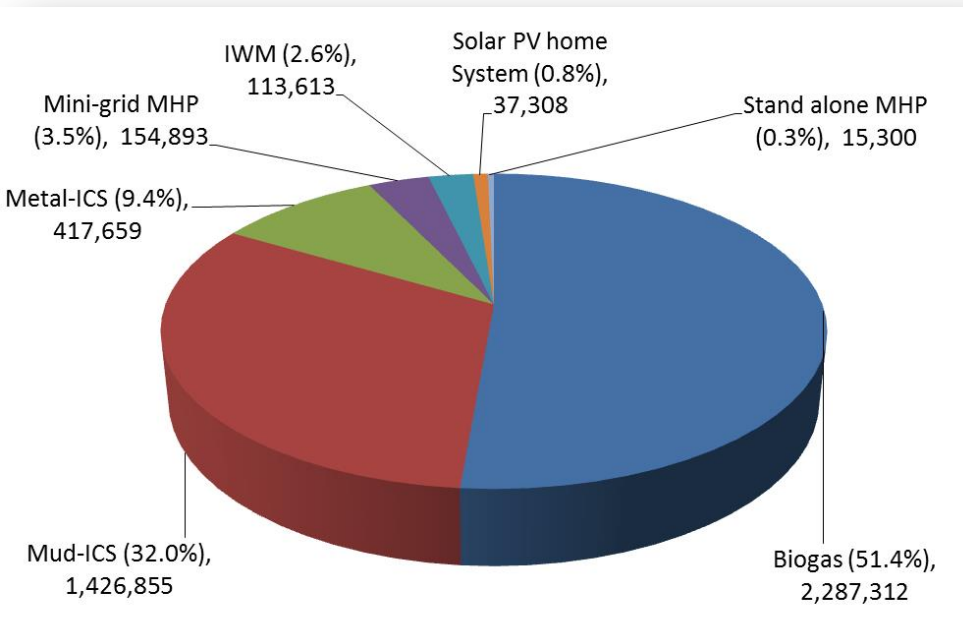


Biogas

Purification of Biogas by Pressure Swing Absorption Method to produce CNG



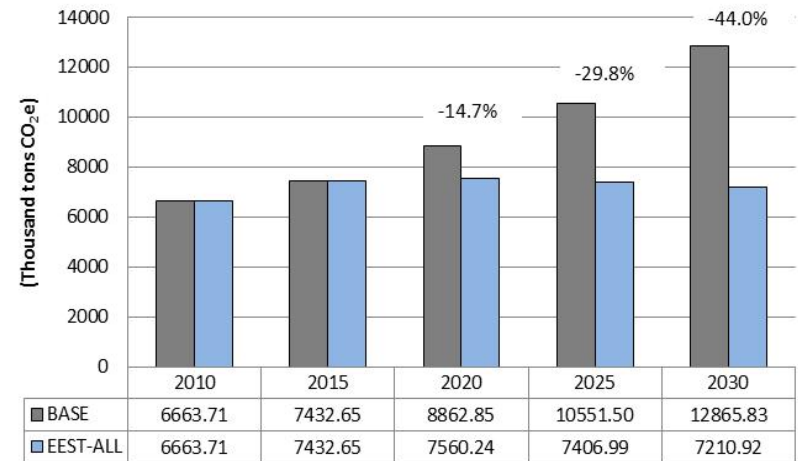
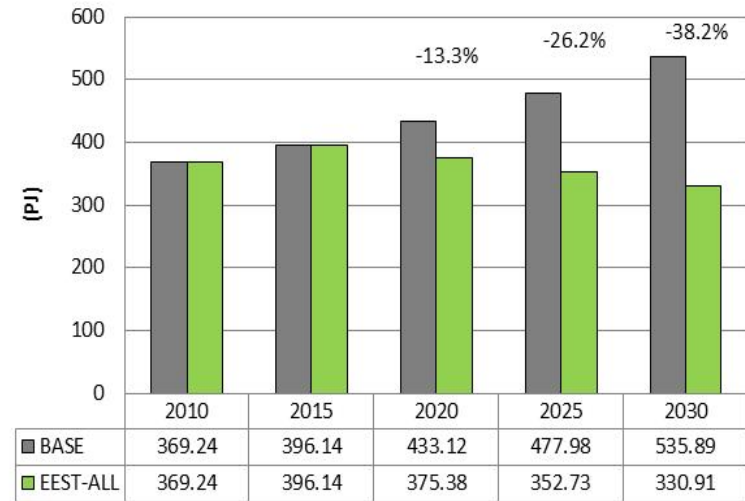
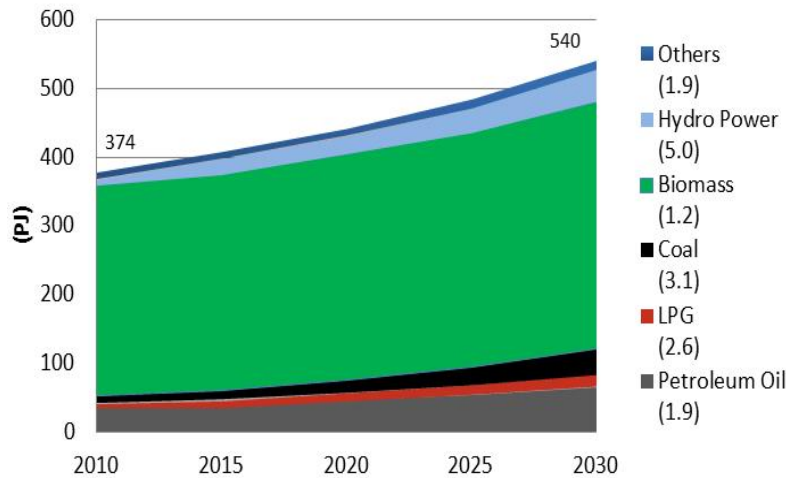
Study on Role of Renewable Energy Technologies in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Options in Nepal



GHG Mitigation Potential of Renewable Energy Technologies in Nepal, ton CO₂e (4.45 million tons of CO₂e per year and 30.71 million tons of CO₂e can be mitigated between the periods of 2013 to 2030)

Annualized Technology Investment Cost @ 10% interest rate, NRs/ ton CO₂e

Study on Demand Side Energy Efficiency Improvement Potential



- Energy efficiency improvement potential reaches to 38.2% by 2030
- GHG emission reduction by 44.0% in 2030

Policy Research

Future Electricity Demand and Hydropower Development Potential in Nepal if it were to transform from LDC to DC by 2022

	2020	2030	2050
BAU (kWh/capita)	151	391	1,348
DCI(kWh/capita)	279	945	2,647
BAU(MW)	2,051	5,605	23,518
DCI(MW)	4,325	17,726	58,905

•DCI: scenario with GDP growth rate at 9.2% (CAGR) as per approach paper for graduation from LDC to DC by 2022, NPC with policy intervention

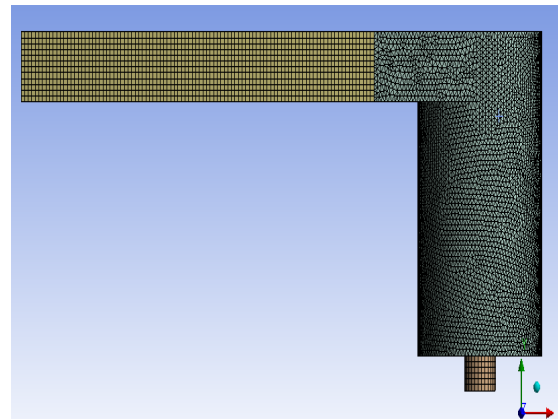
- **If Nepal is to transform from LDC to DC by 2022**, domestic requirement of **additional Hydropower Plants**
 - **17,000 MW by 2030**
 - **58,000 MW by 2050.**
- **Foreign Direct Investment possibility ?**
- **Long term Market Security ?**

Comparison of Cylindrical and Conical Basins with Optimum Position of Runner: Gravitational Water Vortex Power Plant



Objective:

To optimize basin for gravitational vortex power plant by computational and experimental approach and to test various runners for maximum power extraction



Computational Domain of Cylindrical Basin

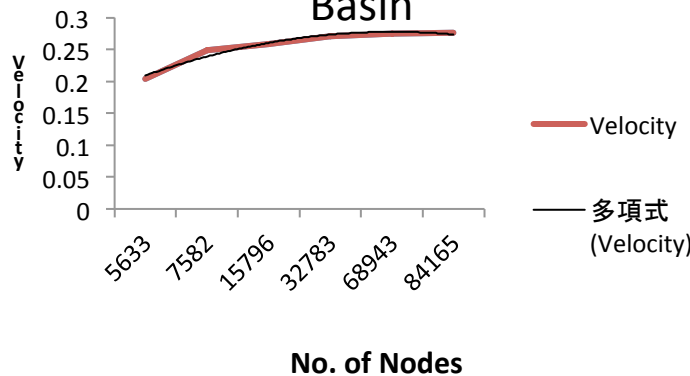
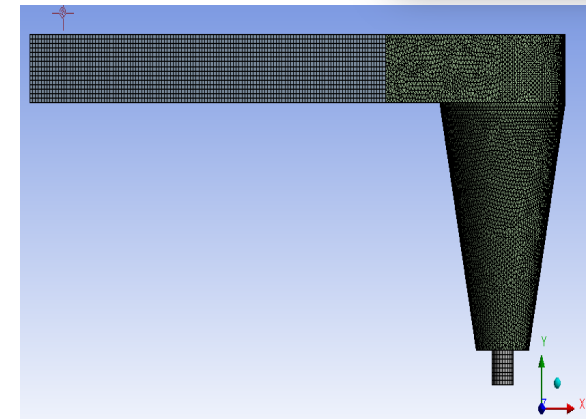
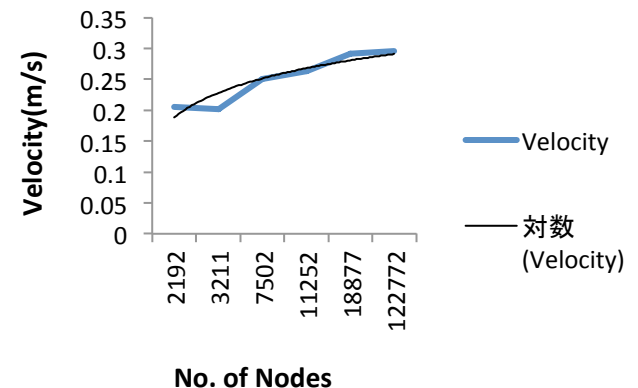


Fig: Grid Convergence for CFD Simulation of Cylindrical Basin

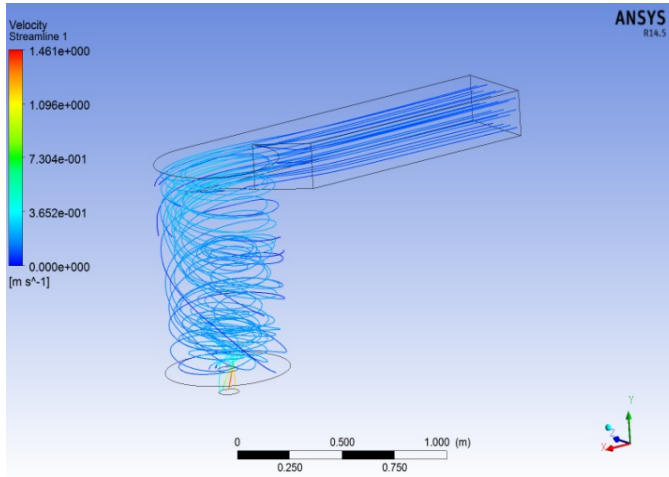


Computational Domain of Conical Basin

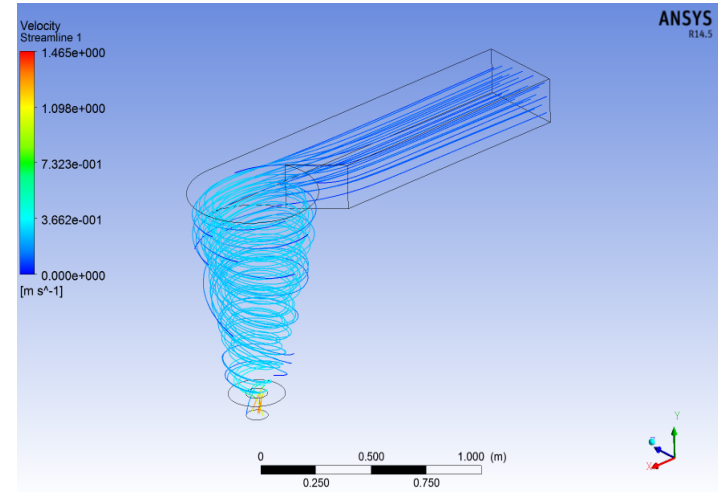


Grid Convergence for CFD Simulation of conical basin

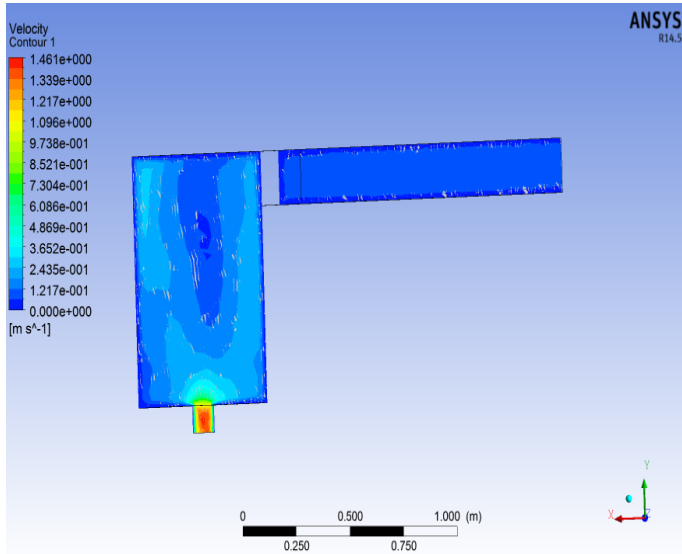
Results



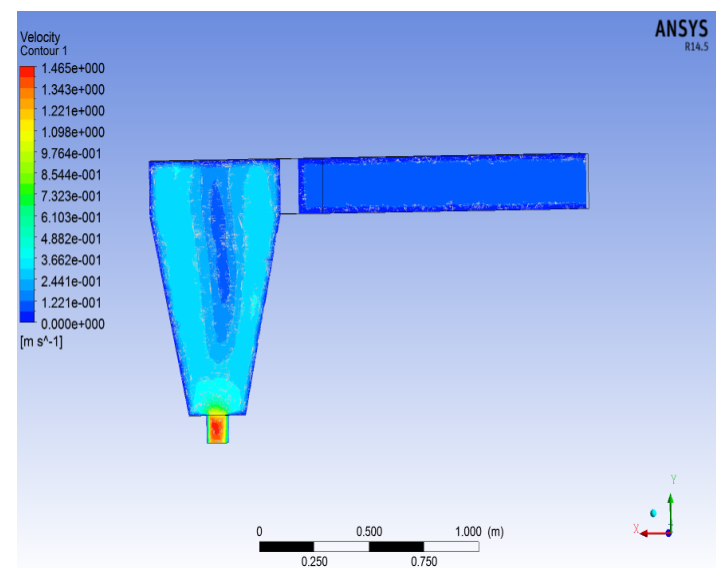
Flow simulation of cylindrical basin



Flow simulation of conical basin



Contour of velocity for cylindrical basin



Contour of velocity for conical basin

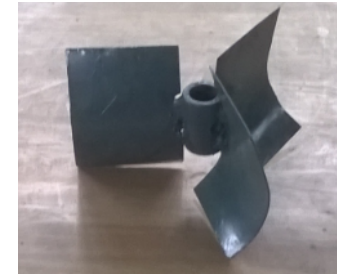
Experimental work



Fabricated Scale-Down Model



Model 1 Runner Formulated as Cross flow runner



Model 2 Runner : Formulated as Turgo Turbine



Template for notch angle
And basin opening variation



Different basins adjusting
mechanism

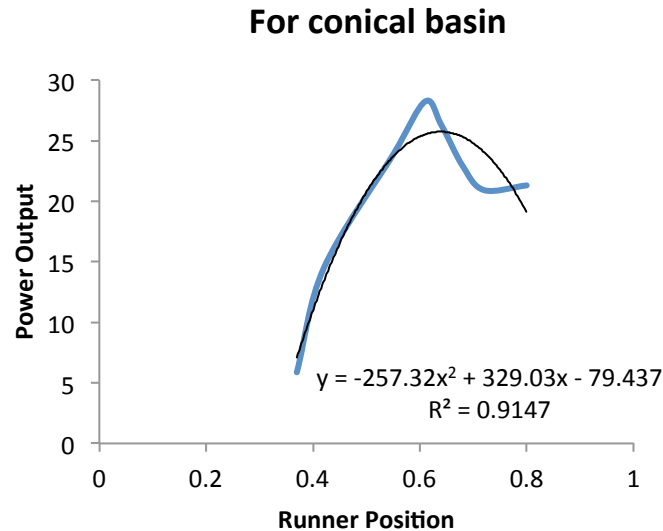


Model 3 Runner:
Modification of Model 2³¹

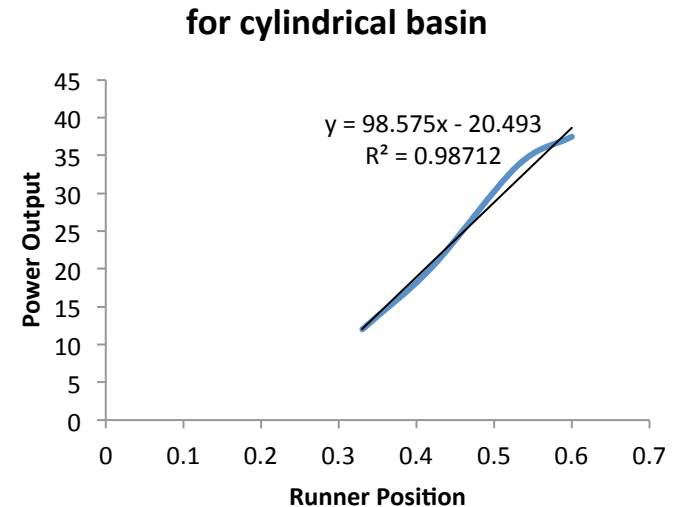
Experimental Study

Runner	Torque Measurement			Power output		Power input			Efficiency ($\eta\%$)	Runner position (m)
	W_1	W_2	Torque	ω	P_{out}	Head	Flow rate	P_{in}		
	(kg)	(kg)	(N-m)	(rpm)	(Watt)	(m)	(m^3 / s)	(Watt)		
Model 1	0.9	0.06	0.49	85	4.36	0.5	0.004	19.62	22.22	0.4
Model 2	0.7	0.1	0.353	154	5.68	0.5	0.004	19.62	28.9	0.37
Model 3	1.3	0.2	0.65	140	9.52	0.5	0.004	19.62	48.52	0.365

Graph of power output / efficiency vs. runner position



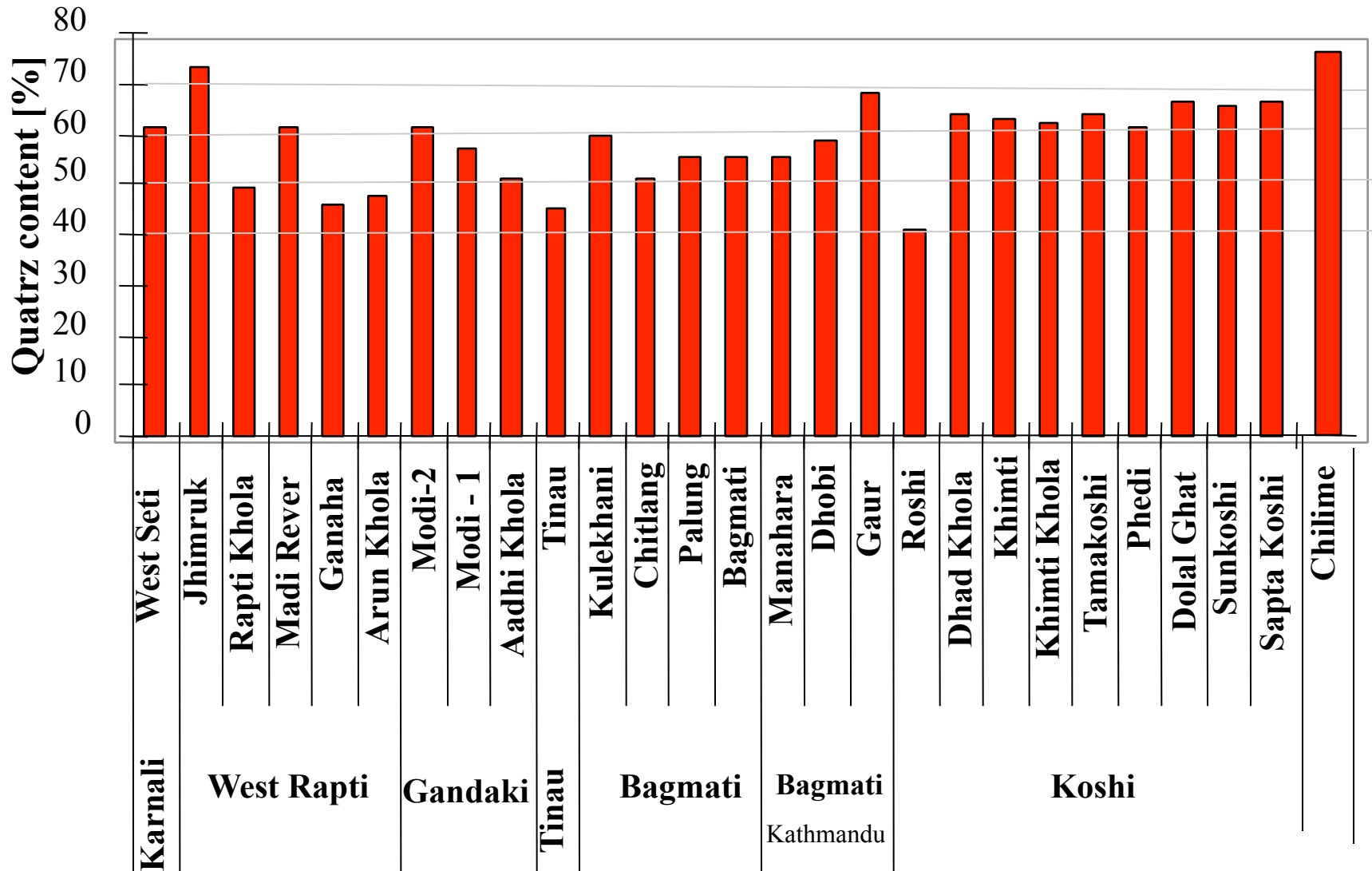
Graph of power output / efficiency vs. runner position



Conclusion: Output power, efficiency, vortex strength was found to be maximum in conical basin compared to that of cylindrical basin for all similar inlet and outlet condition. The output power in case of cylindrical basin was found to be maximum at the runner position of 65% - 75% of total height of basin from top position and in case of conical basin runner position had a linear relationship with output power. The output power at the bottom position of cylindrical basin was decreased due to the weak vortex formation in opposite direction to that of the dominant vortex formation. However, there is less effect in case of conical basin and also due to geometric constraints it couldn't be experimentally verified.

**EFFICIENCY DETERIORATION IN PELTON TURBINES
DUE TO SAND PARTICLES LED BUCKET EROSION**

Quartz content in Nepali rivers

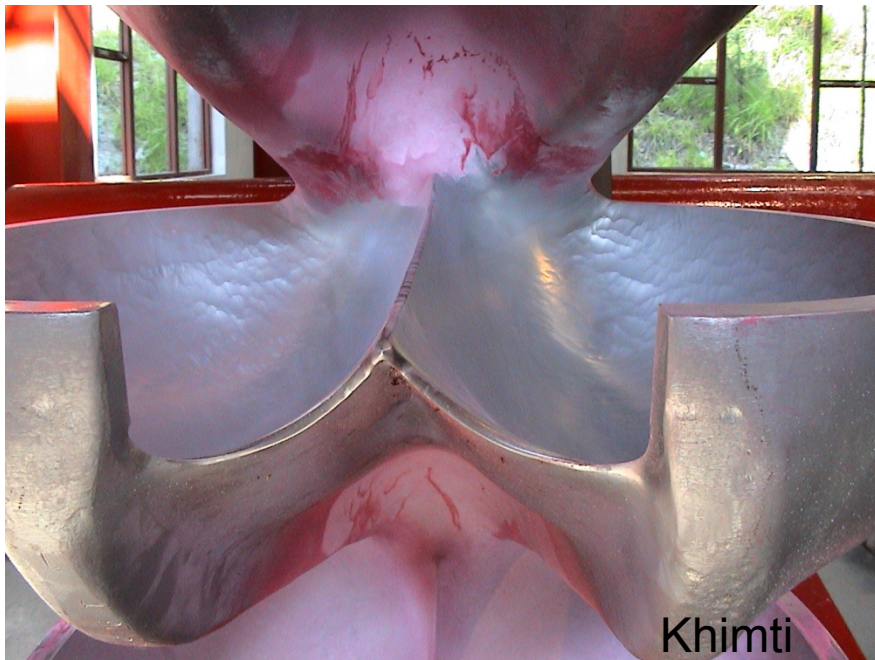


Minerals	Khimti River [%]	Khimti Turbine [%]	Jhimruk Turbine [%]	Hardness Mohr's scale	Special characteristics of the minerals
Quartz	62 - 64	61 - 63	72	7	Hard mineral, resist weathering
Feldspar	3 - 5	3 - 5	7	6	Gets weathered, white colour
Muscovite	8 - 9	6 - 7	4	2.0 – 2.5	Light colour soft flaky mineral
Biotite	15 - 16	18 - 20	3	2.5 – 3.0	Dark colour soft flaky mineral
Chlorite	< 1	< 1	5	2.0 – 2.5	Soft flaky mineral, green
Phlogopite			9		
Sillimanite	< 0.5	< 0.25		6.0 – 7.0	Colourless, transparent, elongated needle & blade like mineral
Magnetite	< 0.5	0.5 - 1		3.5 – 5.0	Shining dark grey, magnetic
Hematite/ limonite	< 1	<0.5		5.0 – 5.5	Earthy reddish brown iron oxide
Ilmenite	Traces	<0.5		5.5 – 6.5	Shining black/ silver grey
Garnet	< 1	1 - 2		6.5 – 7.5	Light pink colour
Tourmaline	0.5	<1		7.0 – 7.5	Fragments of black, green, pink
Other minor	< 4	< 4		--	very fine dust particles, clay and other minerals

Wear in Pelton Turbines

Runner splitter

- ◆ Due to erosive wear at high velocity

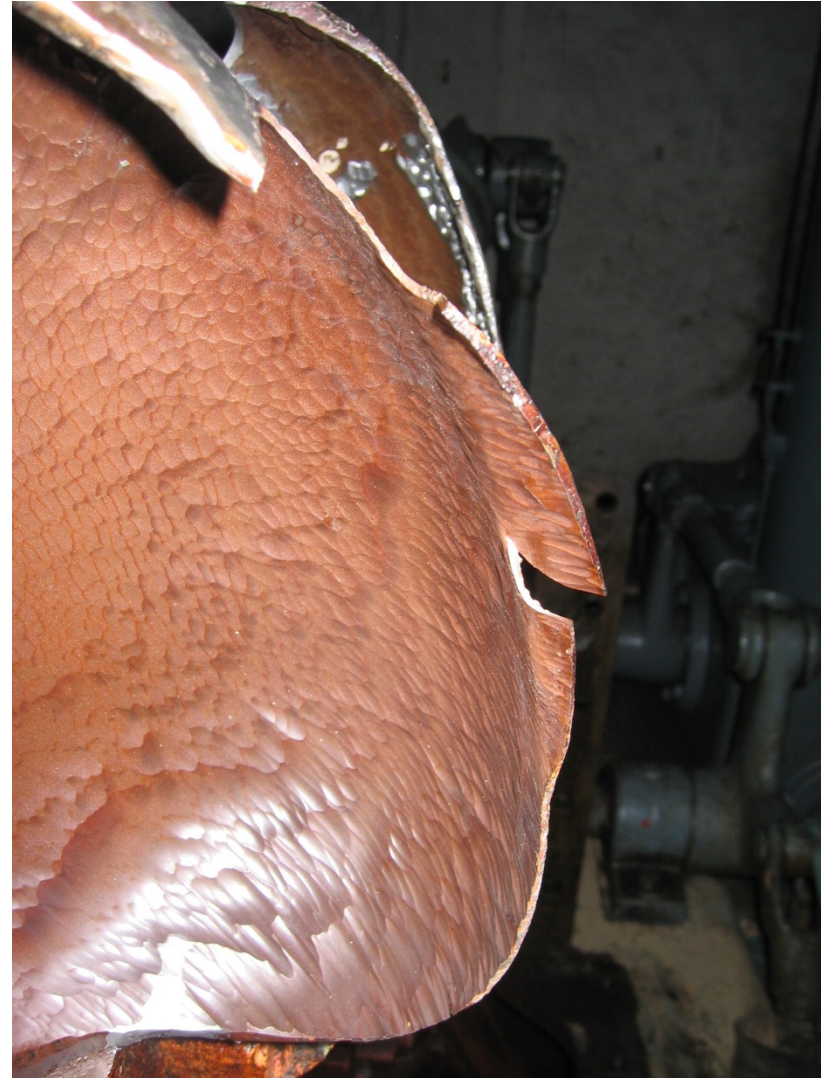


Sediment erosion in Pelton Turbines

Bucket Surface



Andhi Khola, April 2004



4. Models of Erosion

Truscott (1972):

$$\textit{Erosion} \propto (\textit{Velocity})^n$$

General Erosion Model:

Erosion = f(operating condition, properties of particles, properties of base material)

Models of Erosion...

- Bardal (1985) describes the most general formula for pure erosion as:

$$W = K_{mat} K_{env} c V^n f(\alpha)$$

W is erosion rate (material loss) in mm/year, K is material constant and K_{env} is constant depending on environment, c is concentration of particles and $f(\alpha)$ is function of impingement angle α . V is the velocity of particle and n is the exponent of velocity.

Models of Erosion...

Tsuguo (1999): The repair cycle of turbine is determined according to

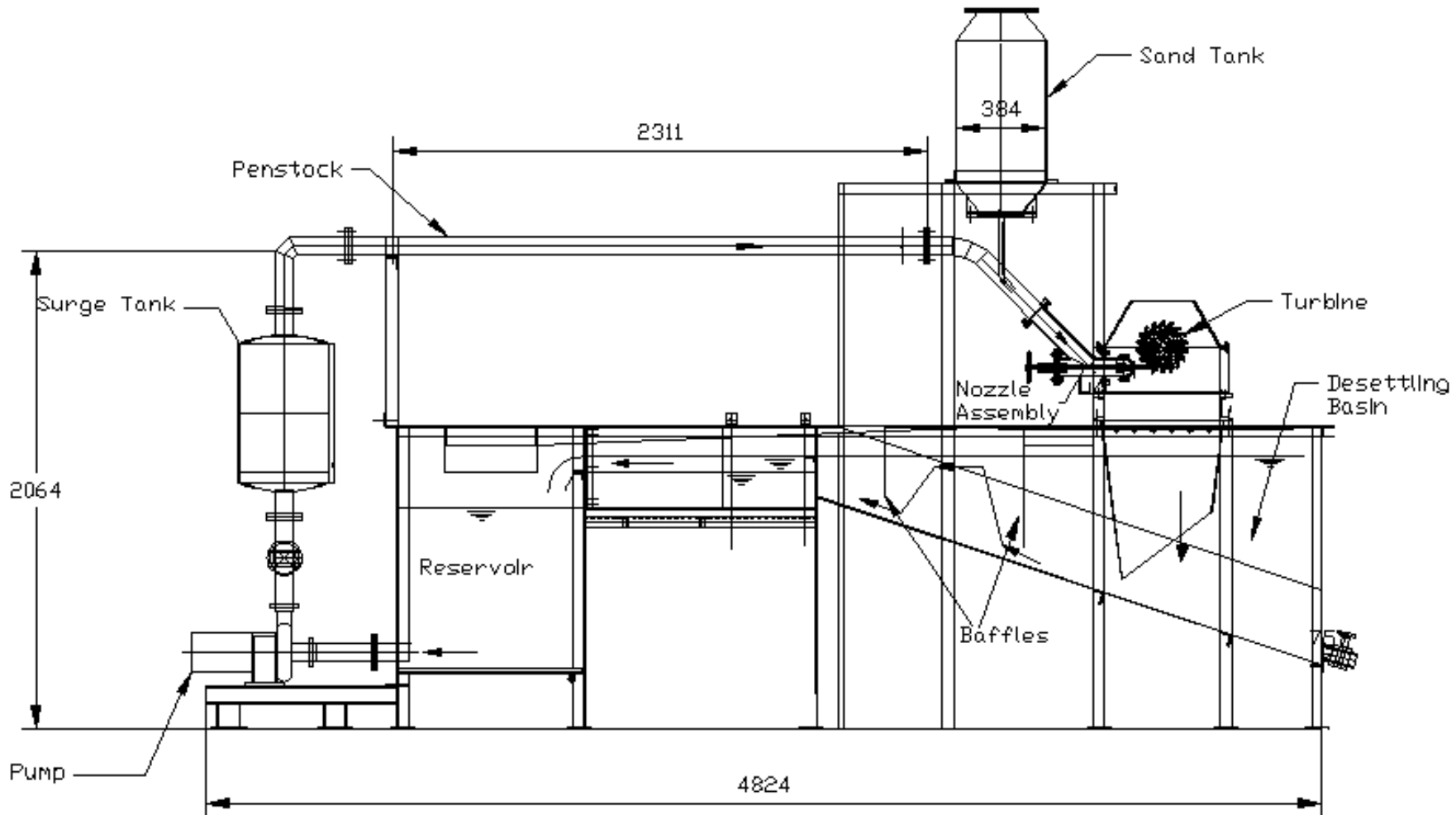
$$W = \beta c^x a^y k_1 k_2 k_3 V^n$$

Where, β is turbine coefficient at eroded part; c is the concentration of suspended sediment, V is relative velocity. The term a is average grain size coefficient on the basis of unit value for grain size 0.05 mm. The terms k_1 and k_2 are shape and hardness coefficient of sand particles and k_3 is abrasion resistant coefficient of material. The x , y and n are exponent values for concentration, size coefficient and velocity respectively.

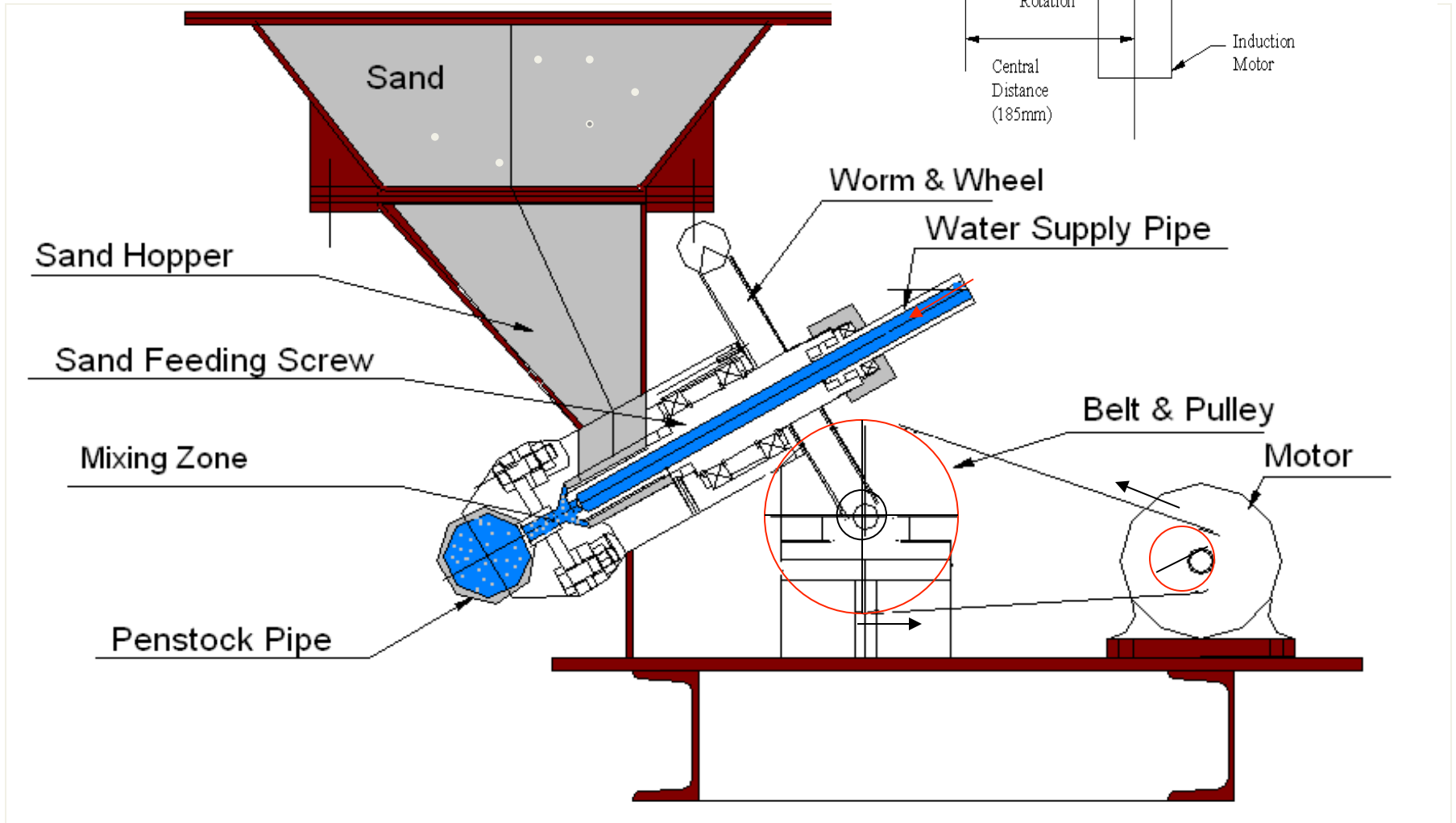
Objective

To determine the sand erosion of runner buckets and their effects on the efficiency of Small Pelton Turbines in operation to different parameters

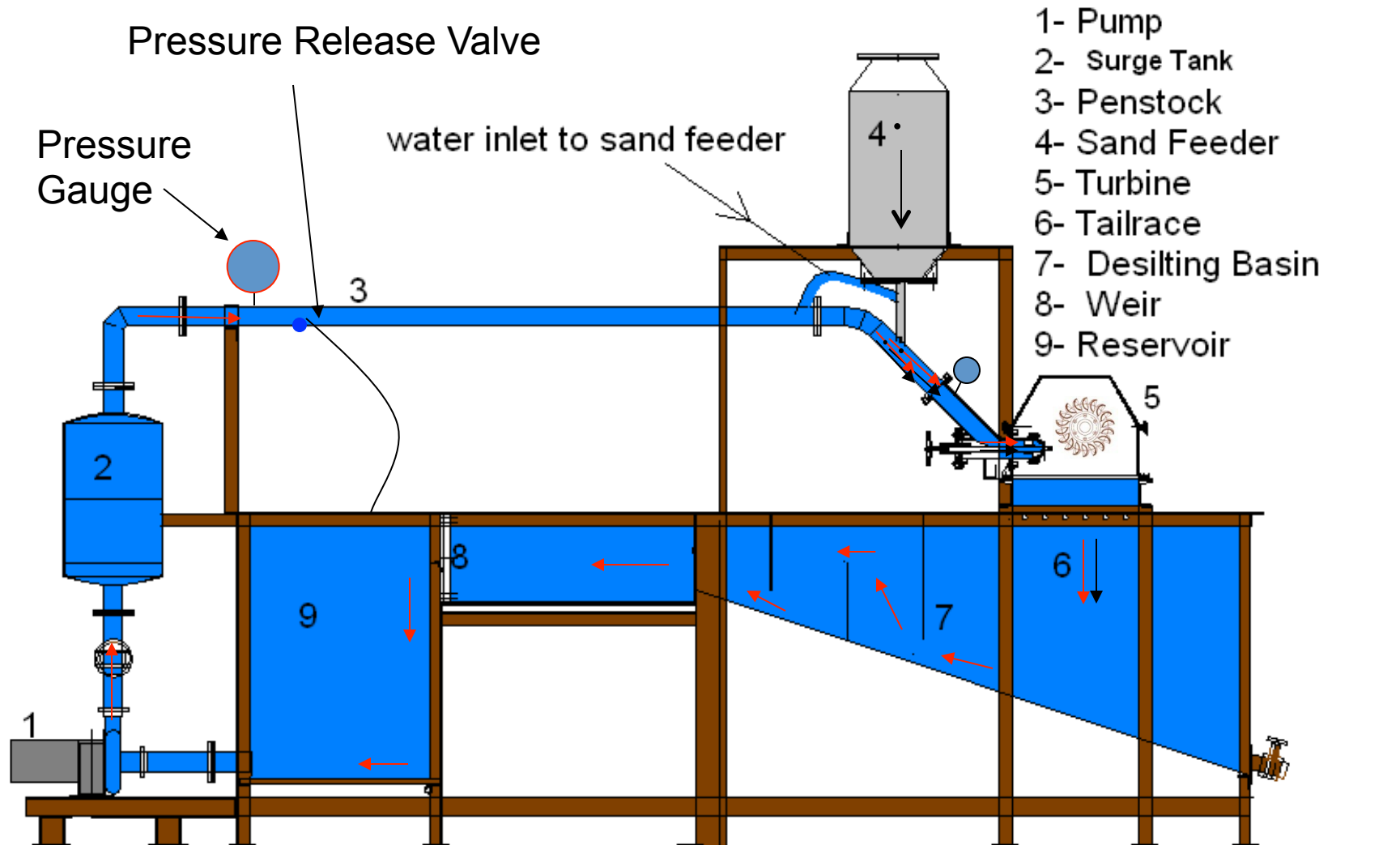
Design and Development Sand Erosion Test Rig



Sand Feeder Unit



Test Rig working principle:



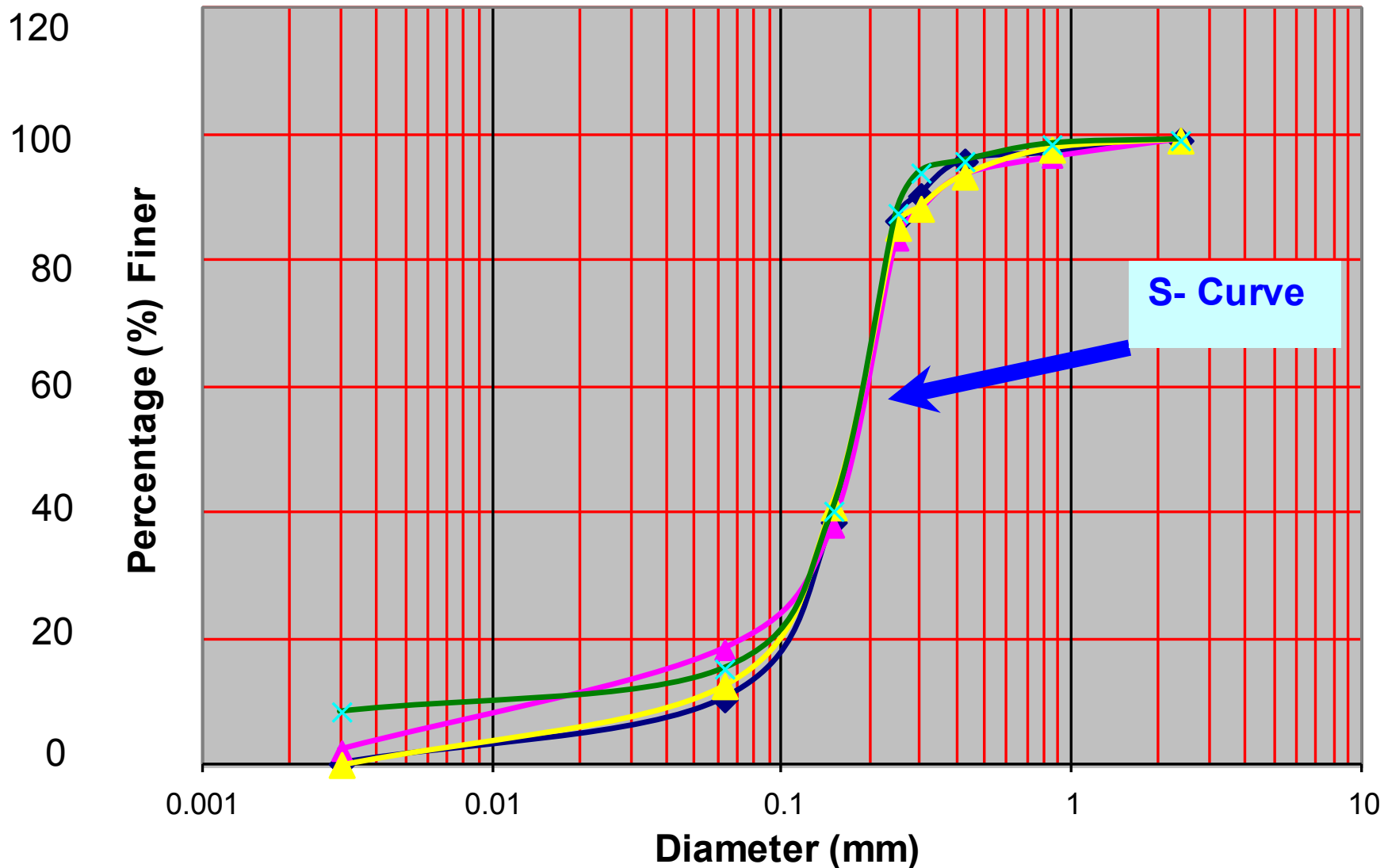
Sand Erosion Test Lab:



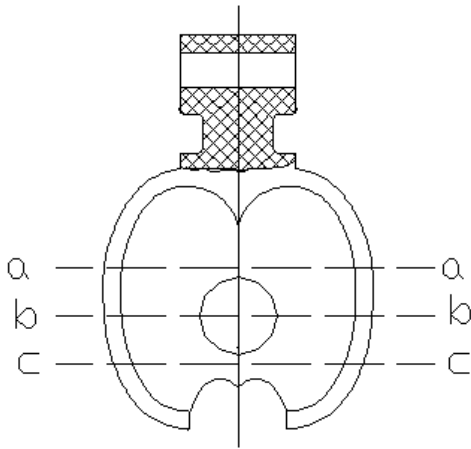


S-Curve Development

Partical Size Distribution Curve



Measurement of Bucket/splitter



Continuous Data Logging

- Pressure Gauges

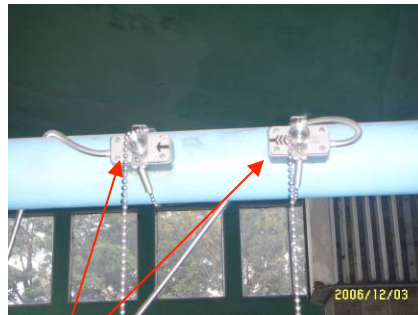


Vacuum



Liquid filled

- Ultrasonic Flow Meter (UFM)



Transducer



Digital Display Unit

Continuous Data Logging...

- Rotary Torque Sensor



Rotary Torque Transducer

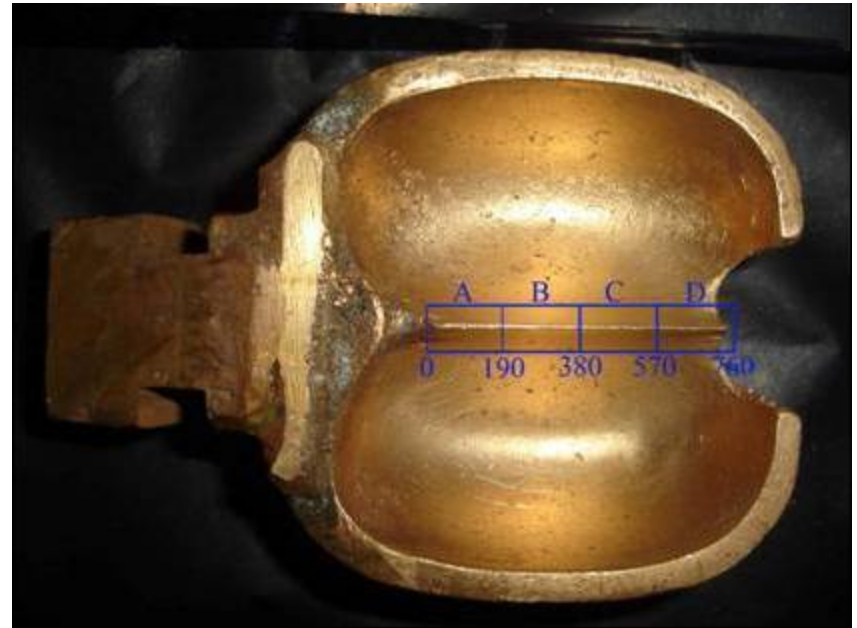


Display Unit



Splitter width Erosion

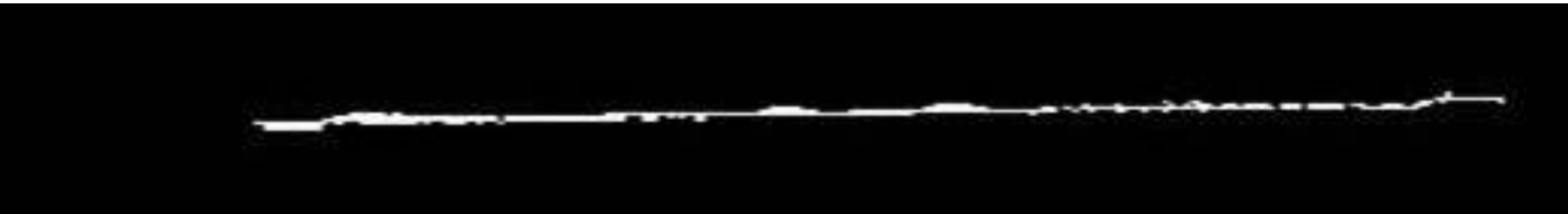
- The splitter width was measured precisely and splitter zone were designated by different names. Major comparison was made between widths of pretest and post tests 16 though a systematic comparison was made between each successive test result.



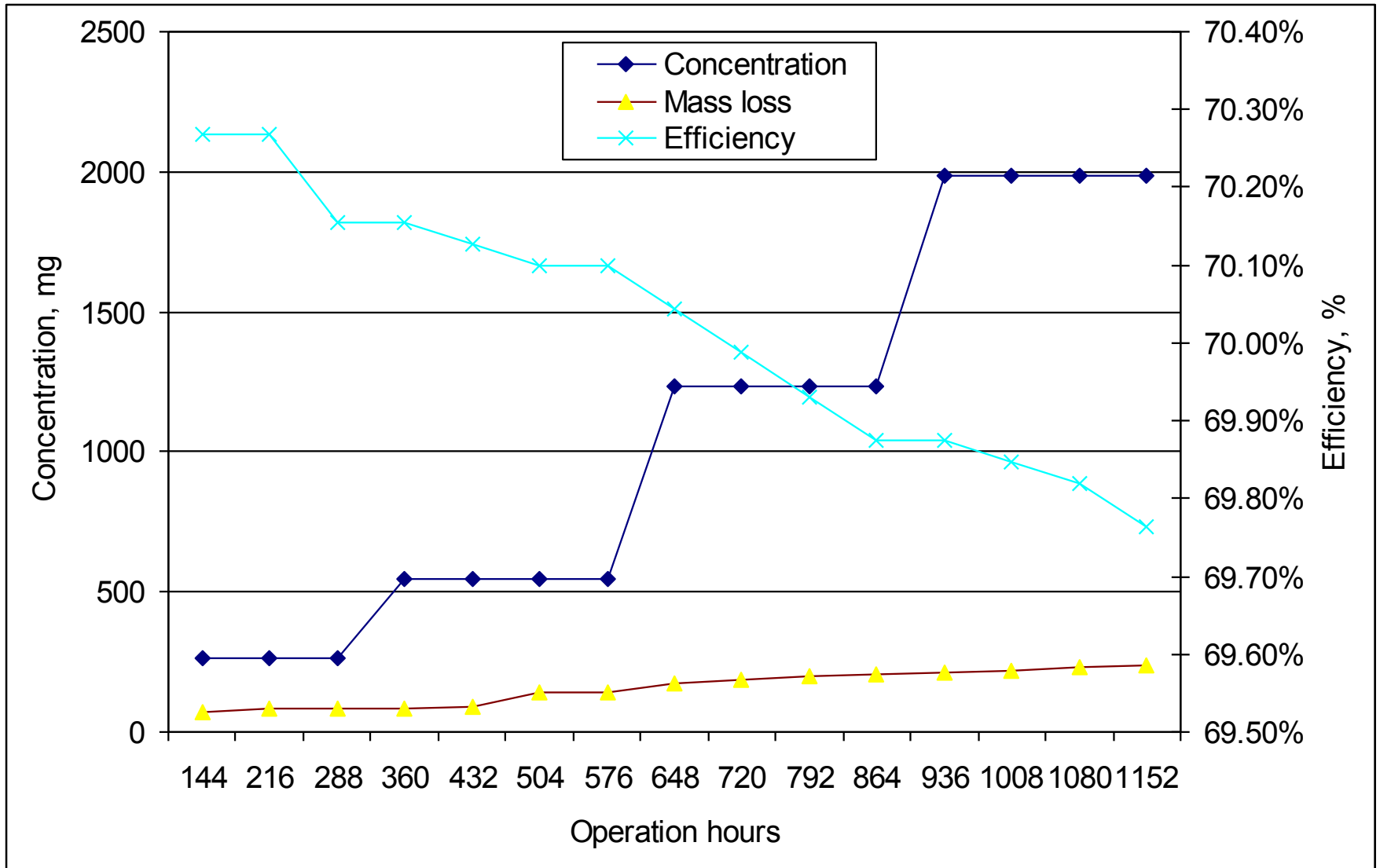
Histogram equalized and FFT enhanced image of splitter



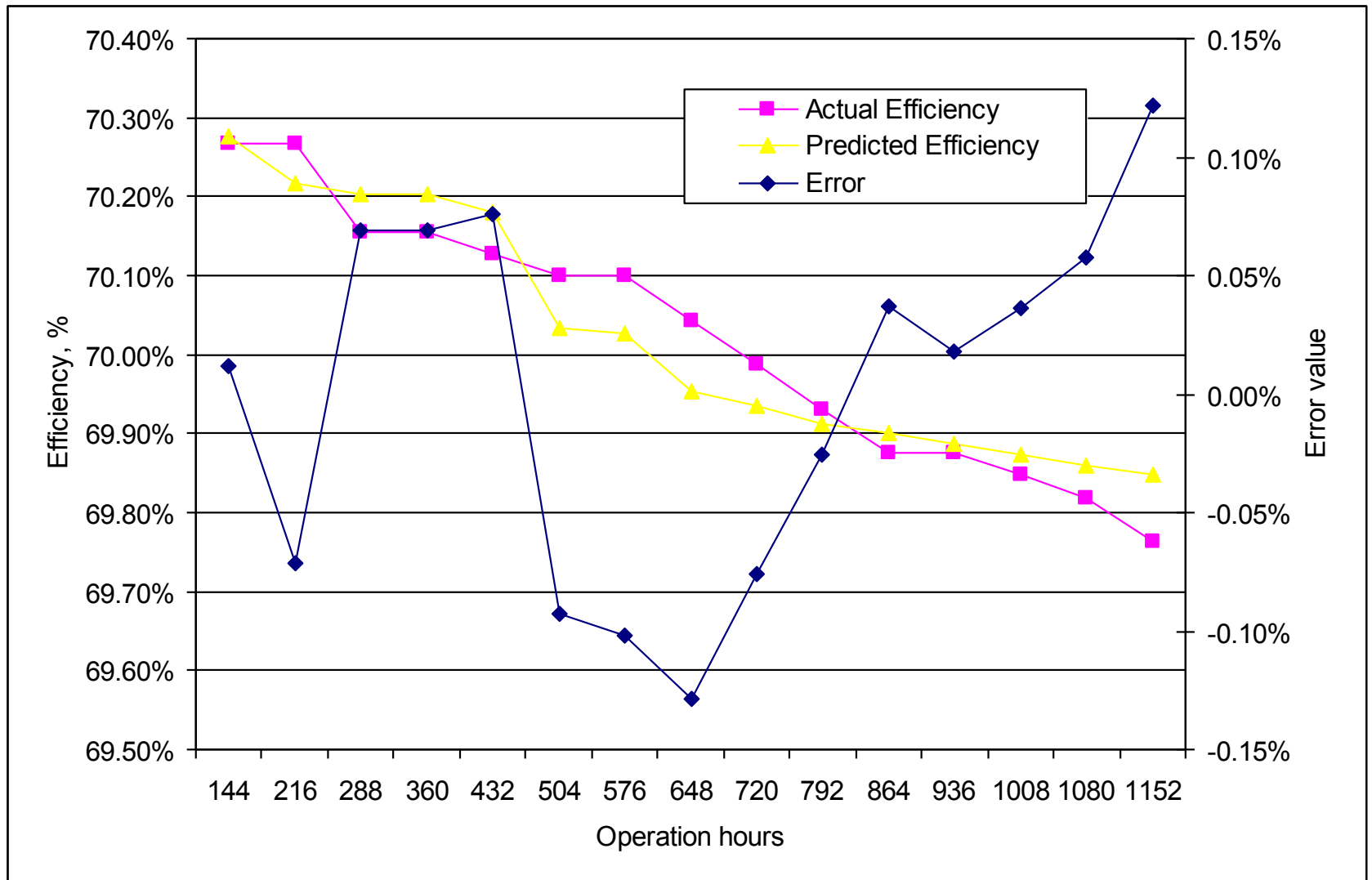
Extracted tips of splitter



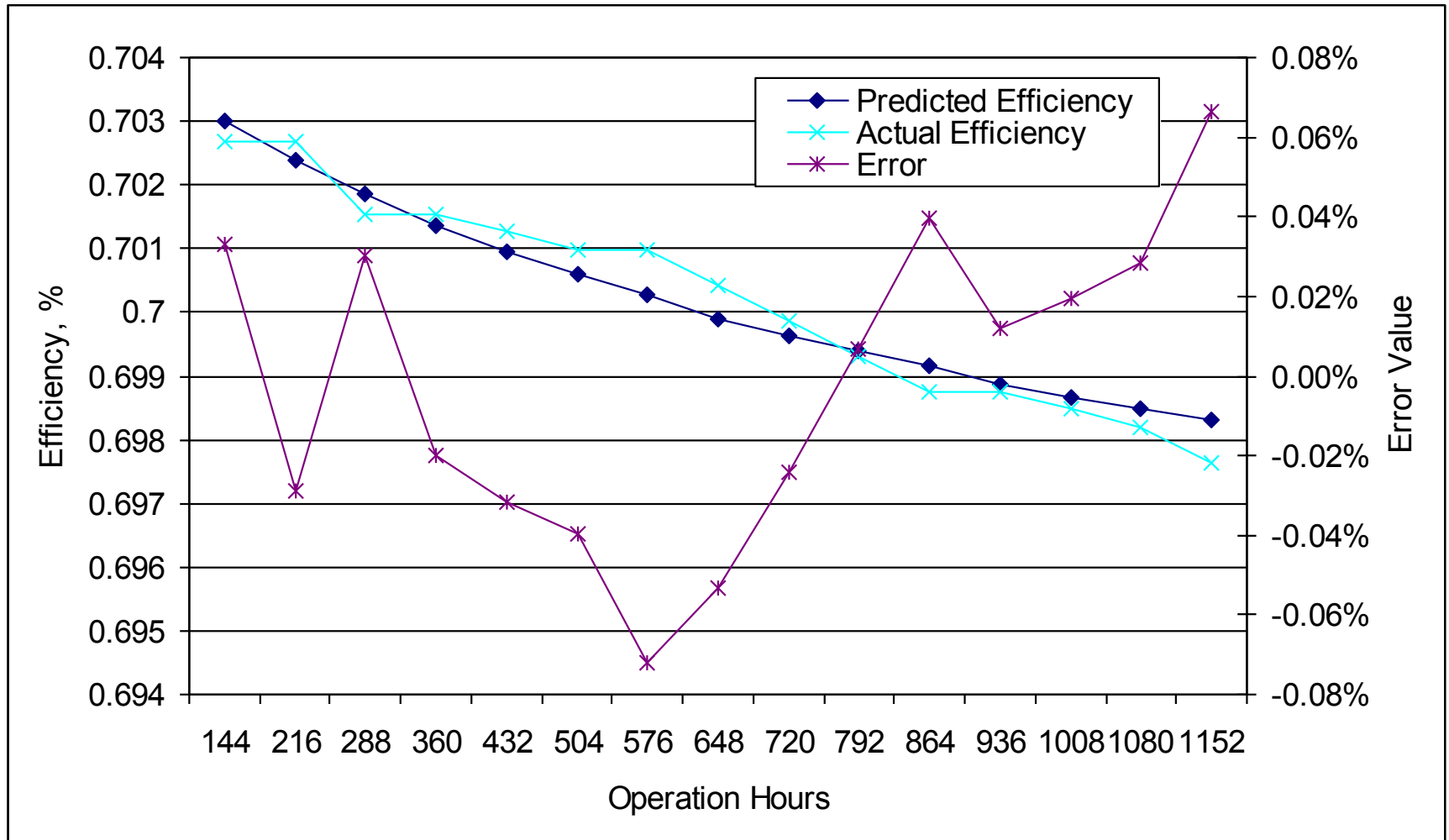
Efficiency and mass loss with respect to concentration change and operation hours



This regression model with mass loss has the error value in the range -0.13% to 0.12% with R2 as 0.88



Error in Efficiency with modified mass loss model



Efficiency and concentration and operation hours

- Another Regression model is carried out using the concentration and operation hours observed as only variants to predict the Efficiency. The model is as follows:

$$Eff_{wl} = k_4 * C^{-a} * O^{-b}$$

Where, $K_4 = 0.71532869$

C = Concentration

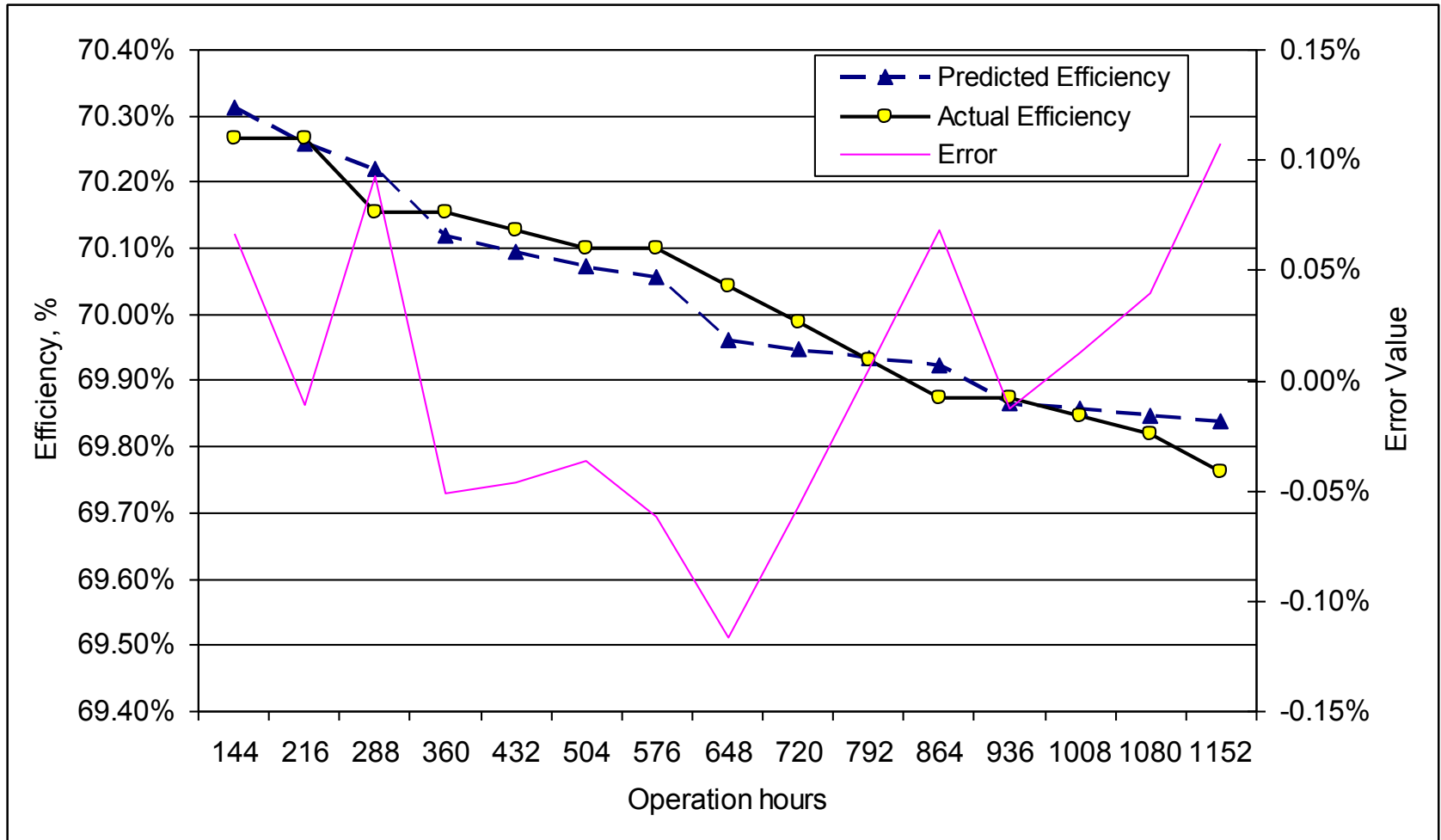
O = operation hour

a = 0.001373259

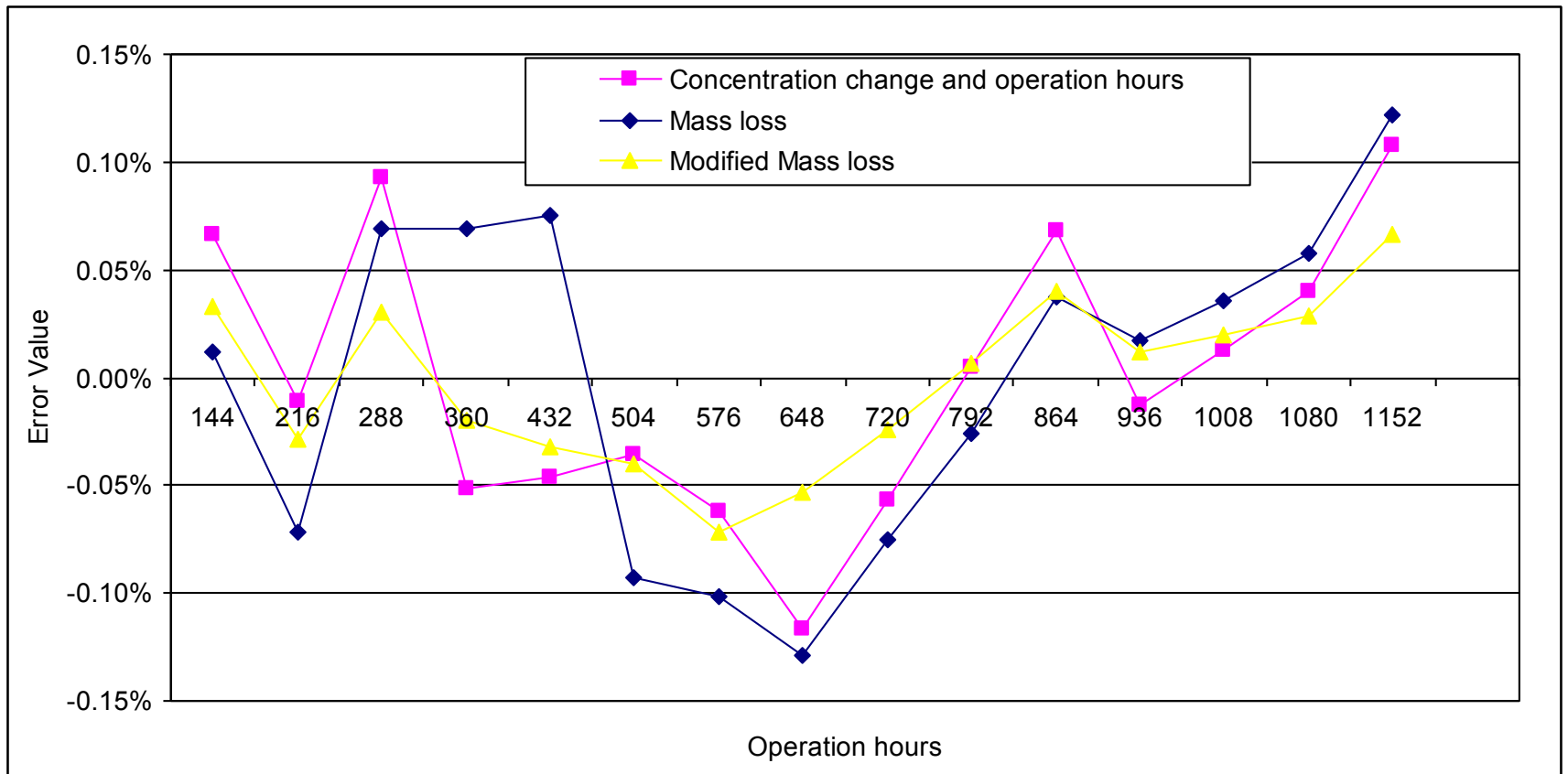
b = 0.001921144

The model (with $R^2 = 0.92$) has an error value variation within the range of -0.12% to 0.11%.

Error in Efficiency with concentration and operation hours as variants



Comparison of errors in the Efficiency Models



Conclusions

- Following main conclusions have been drawn:
The erosion of Pelton buckets operation with sand laden conditions in terms of mass loss affects the efficiency of turbines.
- The quantifications of efficiency loss can be found by the derived mathematical model, Equation No. 22.
- Where as the efficiency loss with relation to concentration and operation hours the derived mathematical model, Equation No. 23 can be used.

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